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24th September

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9th October Thelma Othick



Festivals & Feasts

Ist November
All Saints Day
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Remembrance Sunday
26th November
Christ the King
30th November
Andrew the Apostle







A prayer for peacemakers

History can inspire or trap. Walls can protect or divide. Words can encourage or inflame. Power can free or destroy. Touch can comfort or violate. Peace can be shared or withheld. Gracious God, on this day, when we remember past and present conflicts, we pray for the divided peoples of the world. that leaders, governments and each one of us may use our resources, our opportunities and our lives in the service of reconciliation, for the sake of future generations

Amen.

and to the glory of your name.





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Goal: £25000

100%

80%

60%

50%

20%

From the Editor

What an encouraging start we have had to our appeal for help with the churchyard! A quick look at the 'thermometer' will show we have raised almost one third of our target. If you have not yet donated, please see how you can do so on p 7. We shall try to keep you updated each month.

There can be no doubt that our churchyard is a vital part of the community of Adel, visited by a large number of people, mostly from our own area, but sometimes from foreign climes. They may be looking for a gravestone or just wanting to spend a few moments in a quiet, peaceful environment. You can read comments from some of our visitors on p 14.

A small crafting group made up of church members has developed in recent weeks. We are working on some items we are hoping to sell at our Christmas Coffee Morning on 2nd December. One such item is a 'Cross in my Pocket', created in cross stitch and presented in a gossamer bag

gossamer bag containing a poem. Come and buy one for yourself or as gift for a friend. If you are a crafter and would like to join our group, please let me know.

Or if you have ideas for other items we might make, please share them with us.

I encourage you to read Caz Vee's account of how she became a 'church sitter' on p II. It's clear from what she says that the volunteer gets as much pleasure out of it as the person who makes the visit. A big thank you to all who take on this vital job.

Marjorie Cole

If you would like to have an annual subscription to Adel Bells, delivered to your home if you live in Adel or posted to you if not, please get in touch with me and I will give you the necessary information.

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Rector Alison's Letter

When I was young, Remembrance was a time of feeling we were part of something large and important – even if it was something we didn't really understand. It was a time for stepping up and acting responsibly.

We were entrusted with money to buy a poppy at school, and if one was sensible enough, there was the chance to be the person who escaped lessons to sell the poppies. We were proud to make sure we had a poppy to wear on scout or guide uniforms, or church choir robes. We might have the honour of carrying the flag at the war memorial.

In my mind, remembrance was not about young men, lives ended before they began, but the old men who paraded stiffly upright, remembering horrors, and friends lost. There were many veterans still alive, even of the First World War, so remembrance was about honouring the sacrifices they made for the peace we enjoyed.

It wasn't unusual, around I Ith November, to hear interviews with these elderly men. It was striking how they were often as traumatised by the things they had **done** as the things they had **endured**. Some were reluctant soldiers; some had been drawn, by the national mood and propaganda, into hatred of the 'enemy' and exultation in killing or wounding. Looking back later though,

they were haunted by the people war had turned them into.

As those who fought in the world wars died, remembrance became more abstract; the focus turned to 'never again' and the need to protect the peace we enjoyed. As we meet this year, that peace seems very fragile. The war in Ukraine, war almost on our doorsteps, drags on. As I write this, horrific events are unfolding in Israel and Gaza.

Seeing people (still mostly young men) committing appalling acts, I am reminded of the elderly veterans of my youth, and the way that ordinary people can be turned, by events and by hateful propaganda, into killers.

It is hard to know how to respond to such terrible events, other than to pray for all those involved. But we can try to avoid being sucked into blanket condemnation of one 'side' or the other. We can try to avoid using words that fuel hatred. We can try to remember that most of the casualties of modern warfare are innocent civilians, many of them children.

And perhaps most of all this November, we can challenge speech wherever we hear it, that demeans or demonises a group of people just because of who they are.

We will gather, as we always do, on

Remembrance Sunday, to honour those who gave their lives in the hope of building a better world. Do come and join us, in church for the service, or outside for the Act of Remembrance. And as we stand together in silence, let's pledge ourselves to use what power we have to bring people together, rather than to divide.

With love and prayers

Alison

Adel Churchyard Appeal Update

lust a reminder of our need to raise money to keep our churchyard safe. Our goal is £25,000; by 8th October we had raised £8,189.00 - a fantastic start. A huge thank you to all those who have made a donation. This will mean we can start to make improvements this year. We still have a long way to go, so if anyone would like to help maintain our beautiful churchyard, please use the QR code or this link:-

tinyurl.com/adelchurchyard

You can also leave cash in church or send a cheque (payable to Adel PCC) to the Rectory.



Many thanks,

The churchyard committee

For your diary

18th November

Tunes from a Tropical Island (Castaway - Chris Cunliffe) 7pm In the Old Stables See p 16

26th November

Concert in Church, 3pm By North8 (See page 29)

2nd December

Christmas Coffee Morning 10am to 11.30am Please note the change of date and an earlier start than usual See p 18

9th December

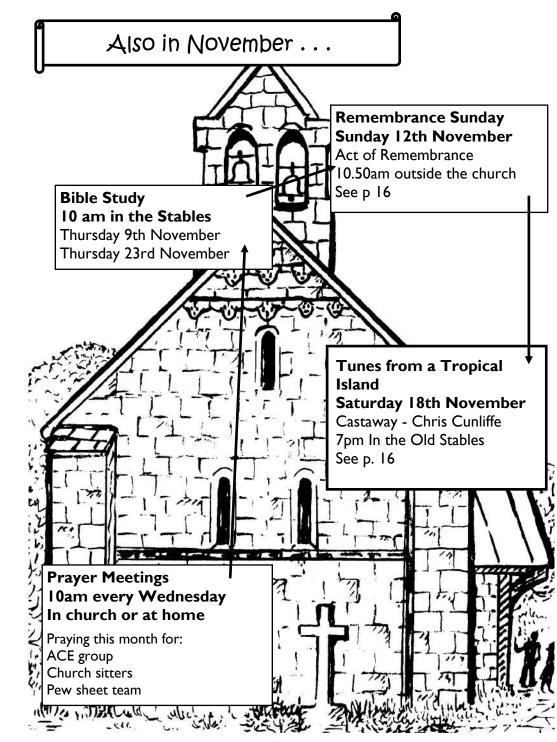
Advent Quiet Day See p 15

16th December

3pm in Church Concert by Leeds Guild of Singers With mulled wine & mince pies Details next month

27th January

Beat the Blues Brunch 10.30 to 12 noon In the Old Stables



In Brief

The 100 Club Draw for September

ı	Kath Farquharson-Welsh	£80
2	Peter Hunt	£40
3	Trevor Cole	£30

I may have got it wrong

ast month I wrote about my visit to the annual Flower and Produce Show, suggesting that there may be an element of luck in allocating prizes to competitors. I may have been mistaken and here is a comment made by the Adel Gardeners Committee, so I would like to put matters right.

"We are very fortunate to have a group of qualified judges working within the rules of their organisation to ensure the winning entry is the best in class (although we may not agree.). In this way the winning exhibitor can be assured it is skill and hard work that have been rewarded; it is not down to luck."

Marjorie Cole

Naylor Family History Visit

In October, we had a visit from Steve Nailor, whose family have lived in Pennsylvania for generations. Steve found out that they came from Adel.

We looked back through the transcripts of the old registers and found Steve's 12 times great grandfather, **Peter** Nayler was buried in Adel Churchyard, on **7 Dec 1617**.

The spelling varies through time (Naylor, Nailor, Nayler).

Steve would like to hear from other Naylors in the Adel area.

In the North-East section of the churchyard, we have **William Naylor** (Cpl RAF) who died aged 24, on active service in Ceylon in 1945, remembered on the grave of his parents. I looked up the last of the Naylors of Adel - Ruth Ann. She lived at 20 The Drive. Does anyone remember her?

Please contact me if you can help Steve with his family history research.

Val Crompton

Help wanted in Grenada, W.Indies

My name is Maureen Macrae and I live in Adel. My daughter Hilary lives in the beautiful island of Grenada. Her husband was born there and they wanted to start a spiritual retreat.

They bought a beautiful ten bedroomed house but very sadly her husband died two years ago. She decided to obey God's call and continue their plans. However there is need for redecorating, gardening, etc. We would welcome offers from people willing to help, only cost being the flight. The house is near a beach and the warm turquoise sea. Hilary would provide food and accommodation, and trips to local beauty spots.

Please ring me for more details. Tel: 0113 2679200

Praying for...

This month we are invited to pray for:-

ACE, group for the 8 - 13 yr olds

Ace is a faith group for children who may have sports or any other commitments on a Sunday morning. We meet every other Sunday evening in the Stables. Ace is a good way for me and other children to learn about God and the Bible, as well as getting active and having fun with our friends.

We usually do a small game at the start and then discuss a subject on readings from the Bible. The lesson that we discuss each time, matches the lesson that the adults think about in church that same week. After the activities in the Stables, we will go up to the church for a short communion service.

It's very important to me because it helps me reflect not just about the week that has passed but also helps me prepare for the week ahead. I really enjoy Ace.

Sam Neal

Ace is a fantastic opportunity for the older children from our church family to gather together, reflect on our Christian values, and consider how they can apply those to their everyday lives. We are grateful to all the leaders that make it engaging, fun and

relevant, and the children always look forward to attending.

Kristina Neal

Pew Sheet Team

eam might not be the right word for us, as there are many of us involved, but mostly only in the sense of sending information in to Julia Thang, who types it all out. It may be the churchyard group, the children's activities group, the social committee etc, but without their input the diary side of the pew sheet would not be possible. And because we are all human, mistakes are sometimes made!

Julia has books which inform her of the readings and collects each week, and she also needs to be told about which hymns have been chosen and who is to be prayed for. Alison needs to tell her if there are any special services during the current month.

When Julia has completed the pew sheet, she then emails it to me. I can correct some mistakes, but rarely need to do so, so I print a copy off and go up to church to photocopy them in readiness for the Sunday and Wednesday services. Recently, we have decided to add page numbers to the Bible readings, as some people like to follow the words in the church

Bibles and need to find the appropriate page quickly.

It is indeed a joint effort, but I am sure it is much appreciated by the congregation. Don't forget, you are welcome to take it home with you after the service and consult the diary page so that you don't miss anything.

Marjorie Cole

Church sitting

Adel Church. For the first 50 years of my life, despite being born and brought up in Adel, had always been (to me) that quaint little place up the road that I knew very little about. Then in June 2022 my mum died suddenly and unexpectedly. That wasn't supposed to happen. I wasn't ready. And life changed in an instant; I was lost and wondering how I was ever going to be able to cope with this loss... at which time my dad, my sister and I had the immense good fortune to meet Rector Alison. She was our cloud's perfect silver lining.

And suddenly Adel Church was where we went to celebrate mum's life, say goodbye and lay her to rest. And Adel Church in the summer is unparalleled in its beauty and idyllic setting... as a family we felt so very blessed that, despite not having been church goers, we were able to bury mum here in a place we knew she would love.

Shortly after mum's funeral, I saw a Facebook post asking for volunteers to sit for a couple of hours on a Saturday afternoon, so that the church could remain open for visitors, and I thought 'I can do that!'

So I applied, at which point the wonderful Carole Smithies entered my life. Carole took me under her wing... she helped me learn the history of this gemstone of a place, introduced me to lots of great people and generally made me feel very welcome. The more I learned, the more I considered it to be an incredible privilege to be able to open that wonderful church door and invite people inside... to show and share the extensive and fascinating history of Adel Church. And all the while my mum is close by, which is incredibly comforting to me.

So, on a Saturday afternoon, with that door wide open, whether it's warm sunshine with the sound of cricket and tennis permeating through, or wintry chilly, raining or frosty, with the sound of rugby or hockey as a backdrop, thanks to the warmth, support and kindness of the lovely folks associated with Adel Church, there is nowhere I'd rather be.

Caz Vee

Penny's Ponders

Hi Everyone!

Hmmmm! Shorter days, chilly and damp – must be November! NOT my favourite time of the year. I do not like going out in the dark and I'm sure a lot of you don't either. I don't quite know when, why or how this phenomenon arises, but I wish it didn't. Time to listen to King David, the

I know what else comes in November: Bonfire Night! I have long treated fireworks with the contempt they deserve and I know that humans. particularly children, mostly like them. I liked them when I was young, then I got frightened of them and now I'm just not fussed. I know you all have lovely food: pies, peas, toffee, parkin and lots of other yummy things and have fun when you all get together!

However, I do worry that children will be woken up and be frightened by the noise and grown-ups will be cross when they are awoken and have to help their children get back to sleep again. Also, I think it would be a good idea to think of the wildlife around us.

We know there is nothing to be frightened about, as long as you are careful but the wildlife can't think and understand like we can. I've been thinking about fear - you might know this: 'fear,' which affects us all, can stand for False Evidence Appears Real. We perceive a problem, a

danger, something to be frightened of and get very worried, which makes us feel fearful. We may fear a test at school, someone we meet, the dark, being alone or friendless, going out, illness - so many things which can make our lives difficult.

Psalmist. He said, 'with the Lord on my side, I will not fear.' Now this puts a different light on it. He often tells us to 'trust in the Lord,' 'the Lord is a safe place,' and many other reassuring phrases – take a look.

lesus also understands our fears and doubts – He experienced what we do and offers us a way to put life into perspective. He told us not to worry about our everyday life, clothes, money, food. "Look at the birds, they neither sow nor reap or gather into barns, your heavenly father feeds them. Are you not of more value than them? Which of you by worrying can add an inch to your height? And I tell you, Solomon in all his glory was not dressed like one of these."

So, if we choose faith and prayer to combat F E A R, we'll experience His peace and joy in our lives. Go on, try them and share with your friends!

With woof and licks. **Penny**

Environmental News

What can we do?

A s the seasons change, another year passes by, and the evidence of an ever-changing world becomes more apparent as eyes are again on COP28 in Dubai, where world leaders discuss the climate. I pray that they can come away with a meaningful agreement on what can be done. Closer to home, Jon Swale's sermon on 24th September for Creationtide was difficult but necessary to hear. Jon has done the hard bit by leading the service and highlighting the problem in front of everyone, something that is not my strong point. As Jon said in his sermon, "We need to talk to our friends, family, neighbours, work colleagues, and others about the climate." For anyone who missed it or would like to rewatch it, you can find it on Adel Parish Church's YouTube channel.

So, what can we do? A couple of months back, the government's plan to tackle climate change took a step back; it has been watered down, but it doesn't mean we must follow it. Church of England is still aiming to be Net Zero Carbon by 2030. This means to reduce our environmental impact by balancing the greenhouse gases we emit and absorb.

To help us on our journey, we have signed up with the Eco Church scheme by A Rocha. This is a global Christian



charity promoting caring for God's creation in over 20 countries. Here in England, they are committed to helping churches care for the environment. A Rocha has set up an award scheme to promote and recognise churches working towards an Eco Church Bronze, Silver, or Gold award. There are five key areas of church life we can look at:

Worship and Teaching - Embedding creation care in worship, prayer and learning

Buildings - Finding energy-efficient and innovative ways to manage our places of worship

Land - Nurturing spaces for people and nature

Community and Global Engagement - Transforming local and global communities and ecosystems

Lifestyle - Living joyfully and sustainably as followers of Christ

I believe we are well on our way in most areas here in Adel, and that we are able to achieve_Bronze. Please join me, along with Sue Degnan, and Lucy Best-Shaw, and make 2024 the start of our Eco Church journey and help us build a greener and more sustainable future.

Thang Tang

What does Adel churchyard mean to you?

You may have read about the challenge facing Adel Churchyard. We put the above question to our Facebook members and received some interesting replies.

"I walk through at least twice a week and love how the grounds change through the seasons. Always pleased to see the snowdrops and crocuses early in the year."

"I walk my dog through the churchyard most days and quietly say hello to friends and neighbours who have passed as I walk around."

"I come every Sunday morning to maintain my father and grandfather's headstones. It's a beautiful walk through the churchyard all year round and it's very peaceful. I'm very lucky they're at rest in such a beautiful place!"

"Just a beautiful and peaceful place to visit."

"Passed almost every morning for 30 years & always felt it was part of my routine."

"My dad visits my mum every day on his walk and we both do when I visit him."

"In Lockdown, it was a place where I could meet my grandson and see the joy on his face. It was a time when we were only allowed to meet one other person and never indoors! I still remember those days!"

"I walk through it regularly. It is a shortcut and takes you away from the traffic, especially the bit between the golf club and York Gate, as traffic comes speeding round the corner, almost taking out anyone who dares to venture along the road on foot."

We must keep our churchyard safe. We cannot disappoint these people. Please help us!

Making Space



An Advent quiet day

Using our church and churchyard, pictures, activities, words and music we will think about how we can make space for Christ.

Saturday 9th December – Adel Church and Stables

10.15 – 11.00 'Advent Stations' a prayer walk around special places in our churchyard. (Meet at church)

11.00 – 11.30 Hot drinks available (Church)

11.30 – 12.30 Stopping to make space – using pictures and music. (Church)

12.30 – 1.15 Lunch in the Stables. Bring a sandwich, drinks/cakes provided.

1.15 – 2.15 Using crafts to think about making space. (Stables)

2.15 – 2.30 Hot drinks available (Stables)

2.30 – 3.30 Putting it into words – poems, prayers and silence.

3.30 Short closing worship.

Choose the sessions which suit you, or come for the whole day.



Join us at 7pm Saturday 18th November in The Old Stables and enjoy an evening of music and conversation with our castaway

Chris Cunnliffe

Tickets including snacks and nibbles
£10 per person
Wine and soft drinks available for a donation

To book your place email adelparishchurch@gmail.com

ring 0113 2610069 or sign up in church

NSPCC LEEDS LUNCHEON CLUB

Hazel's Christmas Fayre & Coffee Morning

at

St Chad's Parish Centre

Far Headingley

or

TUESDAY 7 NOVEMBER

10AM - 12 Noon

Admission £5 to include coffee & mince pie

Jewellery, Cakes, tombola, Cards, Bric-a-Brac, Raffle, Handbags & Scarves and New Stalls

EVERY CHILD IS WORTH FIGHTING FOR

Nature Notes

In September the Government's State of Nature Report was published. This highlights the importance of supporting biodiversity in the UK and comes to the startling conclusion that, in this country, nearly I in 6 of over 10,000 species of wildlife are at risk of extinction. This means if my maths is correct more than 20% of the species studied. Examples given of those most at risk are Turtle Dove, which has been on the danger list for some time, the Hazel Dormouse and the eel.

The main reasons suggested for the loss of wildlife species are -

Intensification of agriculture; Climate change; Plastics (by 2050 there will be more plastics in the oceans than fish); River Damage – over abstraction, pollution from fertilisers and pesticides; Pesticides

Birds still survive on some of the western isles of Scotland

I can think of three species of birds that have gone extinct in Britain whilst I have been interested in birds; the Wryneck – a strange kind of woodpecker quite different from those we are familiar with. Why this

bird is no longer here I do not know, but as it is a migrant, odd birds of passage occasionally turn up in Britain. It was said to be fairly abundant near Leeds in 1840.

The problem for the Corncrake (Latin name Crex crex in imitation of its call) was that it nested in agricultural grassland and the young birds were often killed when hay was mechanically harvested before the young could fly. Two older birdwatchers I used to know told me that in their youth they would visit Sugarwell Hill, off Meanwood Road, to listen to the Corncrakes and it is just possible that there are one or two breeding colonies of Corncrakes in England that are kept quiet about. Birds still survive on some of the western isles of Scotland where obviously they do things differently.

A third bird species now extinct in Britain is the Red-backed Shrike, a bird that feeds on large insects and small birds that it stores on hedgerow thorns until it is ready to eat them. The range of this bird just seemed to shrink towards the South East until there were none left there. I was lucky to see some in Suffolk in the early 1960s.

Peter Larner

NB—Change of date and time!

CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING

SATURDAY 2 DECEMBER 10am to 11.30am in the Old Stables

Stalls for pottery, cards, pre-loved books and hand-crafted items

Christmas cakes draw and raffle

Home-made cakes

Cash only

Thanks to church members for their kind donations and support



Words from Joyce Hill

The Cenotaph

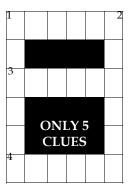
ovember, the eleventh month, at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day, is Remembrance Day on which we remember particularly the dead of both world wars and later conflicts. It was this month, this date and this hour when the guns fell silent and all fighting ceased at the end of World War I. The eleventh of November 1918 was an Armistice but legally, the end of the war did not come until 1919 with the Treaty of Versailles, thus memorials give the dates of the war as either 1914-19, or 1914-1918 being the years of fighting.

A great parade took place in London in 1919, marking the end of the war. Fifteen thousand troops marched past and saluted a tall wooden structure, erected in the middle of Whitehall: the forerunner of the present Cenotaph. Its austere design depicted a tomb-chest resting on top of a rectangular pylon, diminishing as it rises, as an echo of the gateway to an Egyptian temple. Originally designed as a temporary structure, its simplicity and dignity echoed the public mood and caught the mood of the moment; over a million people visited the site within a week of the parade, and there was a demand for it to be rebuilt in permanent form. Action quickly followed with very few changes to the Cenotaph as we know it. Work began in May 1920, built of

Portland stone, and was unveiled by King George V on 11 November 1920. The ceremony combined the repatriation of the Unknown Soldier from the Western Front, which was to be laid in honour in Westminster Abbey.

Being a cenotaph: an empty tomb, rather than some more usual memorial monument, it speaks of the individual loss even at the same time as its grandeur, austerity and location makes it national. It symbolises the absence of those who were killed, as most of the dead were buried close to where they fell, identified or unidentified, or never recovered. It was re-dedicated in 1946 to include the dead of the Second World War. and has also come to memorialise the British dead of later conflicts. When first erected, it commemorated the dead not just of Britain, but of the whole of the Empire. On the second tier of the narrower sides below the tomb-chest, there is a laurel wreath which echoes the wreath we cannot see on top of the tomb-chest. The inscriptions are: 'The Glorious Dead' and the dates of the two World Wars. WW I above the wreath and WW II on the sides. On the longer sides the flags of the RAF Ensign, Union Flag and Red Ensign, and on the other the Blue Ensign, Union Flag and White Ensign. The lack of mention of any religion represents universality and gives the Cenotaph its power.

Puzzles



Across

- 1. Bean say eaten by crazy mule
- 3. Riddle resolved in game
- 4. Particular way to deal with three blind mice

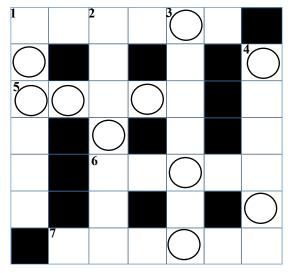
Down

- 1. Songs principal violinist heard
- 2. Nail polish back in style, man explained

Jumble Crossword How to play

Look at the clues. In brackets after each clue is an anagram of the answer. When you have completed the puzzle, study the circled letters and solve the anagram to find the answer to the final clue.

CLUE: A full-grown _____ can grow up to about 5 feet tall and weight about 150 pounds



ACROSS

- I. Wetlands (PSMSAW)
- . Porcelain wares (NHCIA)
- 6. Japanese city (SKOAA)
- 7. Hardly (YBAERL)

DOWN

- I. Confident (REECUS)
- 2. One of 50 (ROAIZAN)
- 3. Pacify (TAEPACL)
- Evil reputation (NIYMAF)

Solutions on p 35

Word Search

Search For the deciduous trees (those that lose their leaves in Autumn) in the list below:-

W	Α	В	0	T	Ε	Р	R	Н	Α	I	Р	Р	Ε
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N	Н	Α	E	L	W	Н	W	Α	Α	L	W	I	M
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Sunday 12th November

ACT OF REMEMBRANCE OUTSIDE THE CHURCH

We invite you to come along at about **10.50am** to admire our display of poppies and to be in place for the Act of Remembrance at approx. **11am**. Let us remember those to whom we owe so much.







Friday 3rd November

BONFIRE AND FIREWORKS

This will take place from **6.30pm** on the grass below the Stables

Come along and share toffee and parkin

Please make a donation on the night to help

cover the costs



In Your Garden

"November's sky is chill and drear, November's leaf is red and sear" – **Sir**

Walter Scott

The leaves on the trees, having first transformed into their kaleidoscope of warm autumn colours, will throughout November come tumbling to the floor producing a rich, crispy carpet. Attending to these leaves is one of the main jobs for the month. Whilst Adel is blessed by having so many mature trees, in consequence it follows that the leaf fall is significant and widespread and gets into most gardens regardless of whether the trees are your own. They are best kept off the lawn, which needs as much light as possible during the winter months, and off paths, since as the leaves decay they will become slippery and potentially treacherous. Use either a rake or a leaf blower, and if you can collect them into a pile in a quiet corner they will rot down quickly to produce a lovely leaf mould, and a cosy habitat for a range of small critters in need of a winter home.

In the borders, whilst most plants are well past their best in late autumn one of the star performers is the schizostylis, also known as Hesperantha Coccinea. Originating from Southern Africa it is available in shades of red, pink and white and will provide welcome colour through to Christmas and sometimes beyond. It

will also readily self-seed so will spread over time as far as you allow it. They will usually benefit from some support. Winter jasmines may start flowering around November time, as might viburnum tinus. Cyclamen should provide colour either in the ground or planted up in pots. Mature ivy should still be flowering and whilst this is not spectacularly colourful, it is one of the most valuable resources for various insects that are still out and about, building up reserves for the winter.

If you have roses, November is a good time to prune them right back, provided they have finished flowering. Pruning concentrates energy into the roots ready to promote new growth for next year. Cut out dead wood, any crossing or weak stems and cut back strong stems to just above the lowest buds you can find.

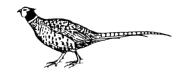
If you are a keen gardener then the final thing to do in November is go on holiday! A recent Gardener's Question Time edition concluded that November was the only month during which the garden could be left for a while without it coming to any harm, or missing out on anything spectacular!

George Turnbull

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The Green Corridor

Adel St John's Conservation Area under threat



The fields within the Conservation Area, are also part of the *Green Corridor* for wildlife which runs from Meanwood Valley and Adel Woods to Stairfoot, then up through York Gate Meadow from Adel Beck to Long Causeway Fields, leading up to the Bedquilts.

I value the Conservation Area and the history of the medieval Causey Stones, also the old stone stile leading to the well-used footpath across the Bedquilts from Long Causeway to Church Lane. This footpath forms part of the Conservation Area boundary.

The North section of Long Causeway also forms part of the boundary - and the lamp posts are painted black. These fields are part of the special character of the Conservation Area and are of historic interest.



Although a recent planning application to build on the Causeway House fields has now been withdrawn, we can expect further applications to follow.

Many thanks to all those who sent in objections.

It would be good to have an Adel St John's Conservation Area board, in Adel Churchyard. Many residents (& visitors - including some of the 13,959 visitors who came to York Gate Garden between April and 4th Aug 2023), think the Conservation Area is 'just the land close to Adel Church'.



Val Crompton

OPAL Activities

Well, Autumn is well and truly with us and although the days may feel shorter, we at OPAL are still busy running our full programme of activities and events at the Welcome In. We are also preparing for the upcoming Festive season with our first big Christmas event, the Christmas Fayre on 2nd December (11am-2pm). It will have lots of amazing stalls and fingers crossed we may even have a surprise visit from a very special person. Full details will be announced in our bi-monthly newsletter which goes out to all our members and affiliate members.

Christmas Banquet

The other big event we are looking forward to is the annual Christmas Banquet at Ralph Thoresby High School, this is an amazing event put on by the staff and students of the school and is the highlight of many of our members' Christmas preparations. This year's event will be on 8th December and is a free event where members enjoy a 3-course meal, entertainment and even a raffle. Places for this event are much coveted, so early booking is a must, again full details are in the newsletter.

As well these wonderful events we will also be running our regular trips to Pudsey Owlcotes, which we are now able to offer for free after an

amazing fundraising event by BW Legal. Thank you to all their staff who help raise enough money so we can offer these trips free until September 2024.

We will also be running a trip to Tong Garden centre on 14th November; they always have a fantastic Christmas display and it is a perfect opportunity to look for some unusual Christmas treats and gifts.

On 12th December we will be taking some of our members to Harewood House to enjoy a tour of the house in all its festive finery followed by lunch as always; all our trips are extremely popular. Early booking is essential so ensure a place, bookings can be made in person or over the phone.

The best way to find out exactly what we offer is to call in and see us; we always offer a warm welcome to anyone who wants to see what we do.

If you are interested in any of the activities OPAL offers or if you would like more information, please contact us:

on 0113 2619103, email admin@opal-project.org.uk or call in to see us at the Welcome In Community Centre 55 Bedford Drive, LS16 6DJ

Shelley Clark

Val writes...

Hospital Colours

(Thoughts when sitting by a hospital bed of my almost blind, 92 year old sister, Jean)



My sister Jean knows that when she sees red, it must be me approaching her hospital bed.
Doctors often seem to wear green; nurses and porters pass through in blue.
The nurses come and go—but as Jean lies in bed, she does know, although she cannot see my face, that if she sees red; it must be me.

Each day I bring cards from friends; Jean can hear me read news, describe a flower frieze or a scene with green trees.

Two nurses in blue, come and go, checking feeds, responding to needs, they both look so alike to me - then one of them asks us if we are twins?

We smile to hear nurse say to us "You both look so alike to me."

Greenspace in Leeds

In Adel, the green spaces of both Adel Churchyard (six acres) and Lawnswood Cemetery (ten acres) are much appreciated by wildlife and by all who enjoy walking peaceful, safe, flat paths. We are also fortunate to have Beckett Street Cemetery, just across the road from the Gledhow Wing of St James' Hospital.



Beckett Street, was founded in 1842, in sixteen acres. There are tree-lined pathways and shady seats. I have loved walking these pathways while visiting my sister, Jean Buckley, who was in the Gledhow Wing, after a fall on 3rd Sept.

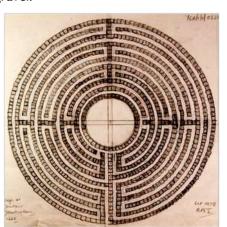
Sadly Jean died in hospital on 2nd Oct. Many thanks to friends for prayers, and to the staff of Ward J7 and to the Chaplains and Rector Alison.

It's not what you gather, but what you scatter, that tells what kind of life you have lived.

York Gate Update

With October's mists and mellow fruitfulness behind us, the garden is now closed to visitors for the winter. As the days are shorter and the risk of frosts ever present, for the garden team this "quiet season" is actually a very busy time. It is also a time for reflection, a time to appreciate what has been achieved and a time to plan for the next season.

The garden may be closed but if you are walking along Back Church Lane as I often do, take a few moments to peek over the old oak garden gate and enjoy the vista in front of you - there you will notice a tall sequoia tree raising its "monstrous arms" to the sky, and the "fat buns" of golden yew that edge the turnabout driveway. Look down and see the pavement maze which was created in 1978 to break up what was a wide expanse of gravel.



Inspired by a turf maze at Hilton in Huntingdon, believed to be based on the pavement maze or labyrinth in Chartres Cathedral, the York Gate maze was designed by Robin Spencer and laid out with stone setts in three shades - pink, grey, and black. At the centre is a carved stone compass inscribed with the annual rainfall and height above sea level, and bearing the initials of Sybil and Robin Spencer and the year it was installed, 1979. In the middle of the compass is a York Rose, a symbol of York Gate, which was also used by the Spencers elsewhere in the garden.

So, if you are passing by, do look over the gate and if you should see one of the gardeners beavering away, give them a wave and say hello.

Gillian Smith

Heritage Volunteer

Just a note that the garden and plant sales are now closed for the season. The café and Christmas gift shop will open Wednesday to Sunday at 10am and close at the earlier time of 3.30pm. They will both close at 3.30pm on Saturday 23rd December for the Christmas break. The office will remain open, usually on a Monday afternoon, all day Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, should you wish to book any afternoon teas, pay for any memberships, have any queries etc



What's On

Headingley Flower Club at Bramhope Friday 3rd November 'Festive Workshop'

Kath Turpin & Team
7pm Guests are welcome at all meetings. A guest fee will be charged. Bramhope Village Hall,
Old Lane, Bramhope. LS16 9AZ
Contact Mrs Jean Money
Tel 01924 468714



World Day of Prayer Friday 10th November 10am to 3pm

This is a preparation day for next year's World Day of Prayer St Andrew's Church Off Street Lane, Roundhay



Adel Gardeners' Club

Monday 13th November 'A Calendar of Colour'

Don Witton—in person 7.30pm Adel Methodist C hurch https://adelhort.chessck.co.uk/



Leeds & District Association of The National Trust Tuesday 14th November

'WWIYorkshire deserters on the Home Front'

Andrea Hetherington
10.30am for coffee, followed by talk
Christmas present sales table
Association members £4
Non-members £5
Refreshments by donation



Concert in Church Sunday 25th November 3pm

This concert will be given by the

North8 Choir

North8 is a dynamic vocal octet based in the North of England.

No information available yet.

Consult the church website nearer the time or look for posters in the churchyard.



1152 Club Tuesday 28th November 10am

'The Walmsleys of Robin Hood's Bay'

Jane Ellis
The Club now meets in the Gate
House at Abbey House Museum
Contact Patrick Bourne
Kirkstall.abbey@leeds.gov.uk
0113 3784079

You think you know Leeds?

Medieval Leeds talk, 2pm Saturday 23rd September by Professor Joyce Hill

I think I saw the event on Facebook, and as I'm incredibly ignorant about Leeds, I thought I would give it a go.

The pleasant walk to the Stables on an autumnal day, was almost as delightful as the greeting of many faces, both new and familiar, enjoying refreshments and a natter before the talk.

Professor Joyce Hill began by saying we probably associated York more with medieval, which was true for me! We then heard how thanks to documents like the Domesday Book, we could see that what was to become Leeds, had in fact been an insignificant hamlet.

Because it was so insignificant, even as it slowly grew, it was continually asset stripped by those who were given or inherited it as part of larger lands.

It eventually came to a man who thought – Hang on – I own this but everyone else has all the monies! He took the decision to make another development, adjacent, so forming the basis of the main roads in Leeds today.

Joyce also explained how many of the



It was William I who commissioned the Domesday Book

names for roads we use today can be traced back to the medieval times, and the various invasions, and interbreeding of our ancestors. Through photos of today's Leeds, we were shown how the medieval past is still visible today!

Attending such an interesting and entertaining event was most enjoyable, and I am a little less ignorant thanks to Joyce's presentation.

Hopefully there will be more to come!

Wendy Grisedale

Saying 'Thank You'

Expressing gratitude

ovember is mostly about expressing our gratitude to those who have gone before us. The month begins with All Souls and All Saints Days when we remember, and pray for, the faithful Christians who served in our Churches and our communities in the past. This thanksgiving is closely followed by Remembrance Day (Saturday 11 November) and Remembrance Sunday on 12 November, when the whole nation expresses its gratitude to those who have served, and still serve, in the armed forces protecting us and many others around the world.

Liturgically speaking, Sunday 26 November is the last Sunday of the year when the Church celebrates and offers it gratitude to 'Christ the King' and then on Thursday 30 November, the last day of the liturgical year, we celebrate and give thanks for Andrew the Apostle.

Gratitude is a state of mind that comes from our spirit and is a combination of wonder, appreciation, and the readiness to respond by saying thank you, which itself is an act of returning kindness to someone else.

When someone says thank you to you, you are usually left with a nice warm feeling that whatever you did to deserve it was appreciated. Rabbi

Harold Kusner says this about that warm feeling: 'If you concentrate on finding whatever is good in every situation, you will discover that your life will suddenly be filled with gratitude, a feeling that nurtures the soul.'

How much better would our world be today if more people took the time to nurture the souls of others by simply saying thank you!

Some thoughts about Gratitude and Remembrance

'As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them.'

John F Kennedy

'We sleep peaceably in our beds at night only because rough men stand ready to do violence on our behalf,'

George Orwell

"This is a wonderful day. I have never seen this one before."

Maya Angelou

Piglet, Winnie-the-Pooh's best friend, observed 'that even though he had a very small heart, it could hold a rather large amount of Gratitude.'

Barry Anderson

Pavement parking

In answer to the queries received about pavement parking, the following response from the Executive Member responsible was received: "The practice of parking on footways is one which the Council does not encourage in any way and especially where this poses specific issues for road safety we will work with the parking service, police and local communities to deter the practice and where necessary take enforcement action.

It is not an offence to park on the footway, but it is to obstruct one. The police generally will only act if the obstruction physically prevents the passage of either pedestrians or vehicles. For these reasons using formal pavement parking bans can be fraught with difficulties on our crowded residential streets and sometimes could well contribute to more problems than are solved, for example by displacing parking which could result in the creation of different problems elsewhere or obstructing access for residents or even the emergency services. Generally, in Leeds we have sought to avoid pavement parking bans by the careful management of problem parking at hot spot locations. Parking Management is important and will be kept under review."

Traffic lights – junction of Holt Lane/Otley Road

I have been advised of issues with the

lights. Pedestrians trying to cross have reported that after pressing the button, it has deactivated and pedestrians have to repeat the action to cross. The Traffic Signals team responded within a few days and replaced the detection system.

Town Hall organ

The organ pipes in Leeds Town Hall are undergoing a full restoration. The magnificent decorative pipes are being restored to their former glory as part of a once in a lifetime renewal project. Specialist artists have taken on the task, carefully stripping away layers of more recent paintwork, they have uncovered original ornamental designs hidden for more than a century. The organ project is itself part of a much wider scheme which will refurbish and restore Leeds Town Hall, preserving a Grade I listed public asset and ensuring the building can host large-scale events and concerts.

Old Damstone Lane

Old Damstone Lane goes from what is now the access road into the Elysian Fields site between a double line of trees and then beside a field to Golden Acre park near the dam. It dates from maps going back to 1710. At the AGM of the Neighbourhood Forum, the Chair asked for anyone who had walked it over the years to let them know. Therefore, if you, or anyone

you know, has walked Old Damstone Lane in the past (you cannot do it now) please email the Neighbourhood Forum at anf.chair@gmail.com. The Forum would like this recognised as a footpath again, so more evidence is needed confirming it was well-used in the past, but they need first hand evidence.

WalkSafe app

A new pilot app: WalkSafe has been launched. This free app, usable 24 hours a day, allows your trusted nominees to see where you are and when, it can alert them if you do not

arrive home when you are expected to, direct you to safe places, and inform you of safe routes and venues. If you have an iphone or android phone use the App Store to download the App, called "WalkSafe". You will be asked to download details and then follow the instructions. The app is for everyone and provides reassurance for the individual concerned and also their friends and family.

Cllr. Barry Anderson Adel & Wharfedale Ward Direct Dial 0113 3367742 www.barryanderson.org.uk Twitter @barryanderson19

Billy Flynn

Autumn

Hi everyone. Autumn has arrived, although we are experiencing a late Indian Summer as I write this article. I drive around every part of the ward from Horsforth Station to Harewood. including the villages, at least once a week and it is clear that a fair amount of leaves have fallen already. Council workmen will be out shortly to begin the first collection and this service will continue until early next year. Initially, major routes will be cleared but the team will return on several occasions over the next few months to sort out minor routes. I know most of the usual problem sites but there are always some that are missed. The team will also respond to requests to clear specific areas so if you know of any locations where there is a particular

problem, please let me know and I will ask the team to attend.

While on the subject, please note that the last brown bin collection this year is on Saturday, 2 December. Bear in mind that as this is a fortnightly collection; your last collection might be the week before. The service will begin again next year during week commencing 11 March.

Adel Community Garden

I mentioned last month that the organisers of the community garden were hoping to be granted a licence by the council highways department meaning it can remain in existence subject to certain conditions. Highways have now agreed to grant the licence once they are satisfied that residents in

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the area of the garden have been properly consulted and wish the garden to remain. I understand that the consultation has now taken place and those consulted were all in favour. Highways have been notified of this and hopefully, this will remove the final obstacle to the garden's existence.

New Yellow Lines in Adel

I know that they are welcomed by some and not by others. However, judging by the number of complaints I receive, it is clear that many people feel that yellow lines do not necessarily resolve poor parking in residential areas. There is a suggestion that all the lines do outside of houses. rather than at junctions, is move the problem further up the road. The bottom end of Farrar Lane with the junction of the A660 is a good example of this. The following are areas identified over the last few years where Highways think yellow lines might alleviate the problems in evidence now. However, public consultation on yellow lines in all these areas will take place in due course.

Holt Green, Holt Park, Church Lane (AWMA), Adel Lane, Adel Wood Close, Mulberry View, Long Causeway

Little Local Free Libraries

Last month I mentioned that I had funded a new little free library for the Hawthorn Gardens/Chestnut Drive estate off Holt Lane and invited residents to let me know if there was interest in providing one in their areas. I've already had one approach from a resident in Church Lane so do please let me know if you are interested in having one in your area.

Bus Services

I know that those of you who have to use public transport are thoroughly fed up with the unreliability of local bus services, notably at the Long Causeway side of Adel and if you travel north through Bramhope. You will be interested to learn that the West Yorkshire Combined Authority which has responsibility for transport links in the county has approved moving to consultation on bus franchising, but if approved this will be a very expensive project. The cancellation of HS2 with billions promised to the north to improve public transport should help in providing funding for better bus and train services. It is still very early days of course but it looks as if some improvement in public transport may finally be on the way.

If you would like further information on the issues above or anything else in the ward, please do get in touch.

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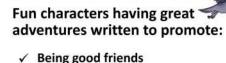
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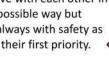
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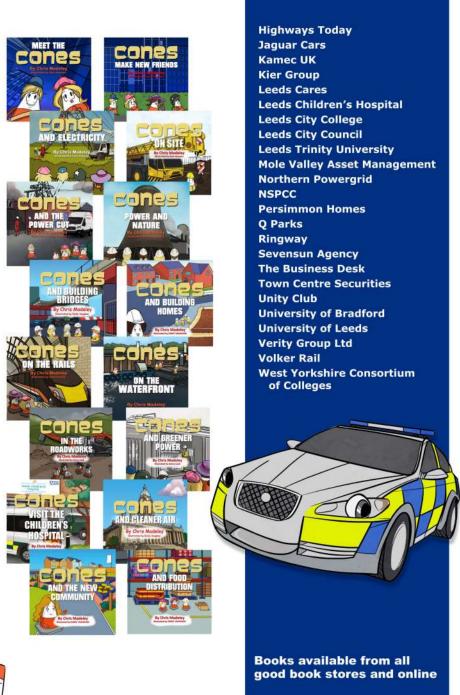
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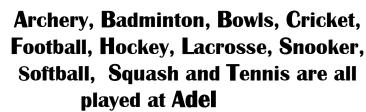




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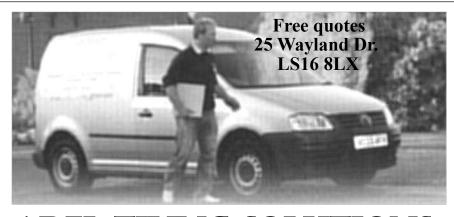
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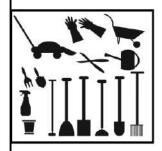


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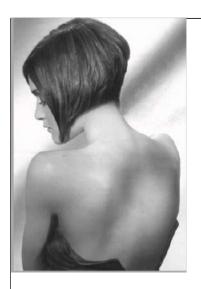
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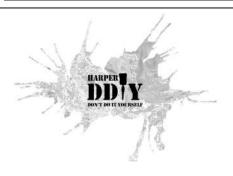


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Wed 1st 11am Holy Communion

Sunday 5th Fourth Sunday before Advent

8.30am Holy Communion (BCP)
10am Parish Communion

6.30pm Evensong

Wed 8th 11am Holy Communion

Fri 10th 1.30pm J Js (for the under sixes)

Sunday 12th Third Sunday before Advent Remembrance Sunday

8.30am Holy Communion (BCP) 10am Parish Communion

5pm ACE meeting in the Stables

Wed 15th 11am Holy Communion

Thurs 16th 3.15pm Holy Communion in the Stables,

with tea & coffee

Sunday 19th Second Sunday before Advent

8.30am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am All Age Service with Communion

6.30pm Choral Evensong,

followed by light refreshments

Wed 22nd 11am Holy Communion

Sunday 26th Christ the King

8.30am Holy Communion (BCP) 10am Parish Communion

5pm ACE meeting in the Stables

Wed 29th 11am Holy Communion

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